

In the Matter of \$BEFORE THE TEXAS
EMILY HERRMANN GUTIERREZ, \$
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse \$
License Number AP119290 \$
& Registered Nurse License Number 674920 \$BOARD OF NURSING

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE BOARD

An Agreed Order was entered for Emily Herrmann Gutierrez on December 8, 2020. However, the Order contained a typographical error on the last page. Upon notice and hearing, administrative agencies, like the Courts, have the power to enter nunc pro tunc orders where it can be seen by reference to a record that what was intended to be entered, but was omitted by inadvertence or mistake, can be corrected upon satisfactory proof of its rendition provided that no intervening rights will be prejudiced. *Railroad Comm'n v. McClain*, 356 S.W.2d 330, 334 (Tex. App.--Austin 1962, no writ) (citing *Frankfort Ky. Nat. Gas Co. v. City of Frankfort*, 276 Ky. 199, 123 S.W.2d 270, 272).

The Executive Director, as agent of the Texas Board of Nursing, after review and due consideration of the record and the facts therein submits and enters the corrected Agreed Order. Respondent received due process regarding her license; therefore, her rights have not been prejudiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the corrected Agreed Order is hereby approved and entered on the dates set forth below.

Order effective December 8, 2020.

Entered this 4th day of March, 2021.

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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of EMILY HERRMANN GUTIERREZ, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119290 with Prescription Authorization Number 10456 and Registered Nurse License Number 674920, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on November 10, 2020.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent, and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas with authorization as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 10456 in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from El Centro College, Dallas, Texas, on December 14, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 30, 2001. Respondent completed a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program from University of Texas, Austin, Texas, on May 10, 2010.

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Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on August 19, 2010.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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08/2001 - 05/2003	Registered Nurse	William's Elementary Garland, Texas
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04/2014 – Present	Adjunct Faculty	Johns Hopkins School of Nursing Baltimore, MD
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- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and owner of Neuronutrition Associates, Austin, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) years and two (2) months.
- 7. On or about May 6, 2019 through June 26, 2019, while working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and the owner of Neuronutrition Associates, Austin, Texas, Respondent exceeded her scope of practice by prescribing Vitamin B12 to adult patients. Respondent's education was insufficient to treat, diagnose, and manage the administration of Vitamin B12 to adult patients and could have exposed these patients to a risk of harm.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she sought legal counsel in regards to her scope of practice. Respondent had completed her doctorate in

nursing in addition to certification through the Institute of Functional Medicine and both programs focused on the care of patients across the lifespan. The law firm informed Respondent that the education gained through both programs fulfilled the requirement for formal education needed to expand her scope of practice which included treating adults for nutritional deficiencies. Respondent points out she never had a patient complaint regarding her care or treatment of the adult patients. In addition, Respondent states the Vitamin B12 was prescribed for patients to administer at home.

9. Formal Charges were filed on June 8, 2020.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(T),(4)(A)&(4)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E)&(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119290 with Prescription Authorization Number 10456, and Registered Nurse License Number 674920, heretofore issued to EMILY HERRMANN GUTIERREZ.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS in accordance with the terms of this Order.

A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. As a result of this Order, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed Order.

III. UNDERSTANDING BOARD ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT must successfully complete the Board's online course, "Understanding Board Orders", which can be accessed on the Board's website from the "Discipline & Complaints" drop-down menu or directly at: http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

A. <u>A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of

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nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft, and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study and video programs will not be approved.

B. The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

A. Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the

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- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Monitored Practice: RESPONDENT'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by a Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same advanced role and population focus area as RESPONDENT who has been approved by the Board. RESPONDENT MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of RESPONDENT'S receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.
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the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of November, 2020, by EMILY HERRMANN GUTIERREZ, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119290 & Registered Nurse License Number 674920, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of December, 2021.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

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	Approved as to form and substance. Tandyon R. Makkay Taralyon Mackay. Attorney for Respondent Signed this 20th day of Natural 2020.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of November, 2020, by EMILY HERRMANN GUTIERREZ, Registered Nurse License Number 674920, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of December, 2020.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf

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